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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONTROL TRAINING

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED TENTATIVE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM RECENTLY ESTABLISHED SIERRA LEONE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (NADAC) FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRAINING SL PERSONNEL IN NARCOTICS CONTROL ENFORCEMENT. NADAC IS PRIVATELY ORGANIZED BODY WITH DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATION AMONG NATIONAL LEADERS FROM LEGAL, MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL, RELIGIOUS, POLITICAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITIES WHICH HAS FULL ENDORSEMENT AND STRONG SUPPORT FROM HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOSL, INCLUDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM GOSL BUDGET. HEAD OF SL POLICE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION (CID) IS ONE OF NADAC VICE PRESIDENTS AND COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (MINISTER OF STATE) IS AMONG STRONG BACKERS WITHIN CABINET.

2. UNDP CUSTOMS ADVISOR KENNETH STACY (BRITISH CT) WORKING CLOSELY WITH

NADAC LEADERSHP, STRONGLY BELIEVES

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THE BEST INITIAL TRAINING POSSIBILITY TO MEET SL OVERALL

NEEDS WOULD BE AN IN-COUNTRY SHORT COURSE STRESSING ENFORCEMENT. STACEY HIGHLY RECOMMENDS AS BEST HE HAS EVER SEEN PRACTICAL TRAINING COURSE PROVIDED BY TRAVELLING DEA TEAM OF APPROX FOUR TO FIVE PERSONS WHICH HE OBSERVED AND WITH WHICH HE WORKED DURING EARLIER ASSIGNMENT WITH USAID IN BUENOS AIRES. STACEY IS RECOMMENDING TO NADAC THAT NADAC SEEK TOP LEVEL GOSL CONCURRENCE FOR NADAC TO APPROACH EMBASSY TO SEE IF DEA COULD PROVIDE COURSE IN SIERRA LEONE. STACY CERTAIN NADAC WILL AGREE SEEK GOSL APPROVAL AND VERY OPTIMISTIC GOSL WILL CONCUR IN PROPOSED APPROACH TO EMBASSY. EMBASSY CONCURS IN STACY'S ESTIMATES.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS VIEWS OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR DEA/PARIS OR DEA/WASHGINTON ON FEASIBILITY CONDUCTING COURSE IN SIERRA LEONE WHICH BELATEDLY BUT SERIOUSLY FOCUSING INTENTLY ON LOCAL DRUG PROBLEMS. USAGE CURRENTLY PRINCIPALLY MARIJUANA, WHICH GROWS DOMESTICALLY IN ABUNDANCE, BUT ALSO INCLUDES PSYCHOTROPICS. INCIDENCE HEROIN USAGE APPEARS SO FAR QUITE LIMITED.

4. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM STACEY, BASED HIS EXPERIENCE SOUTH AMERICA, THAT DEA NORMALLY PREFERS SEND TEAM EITHER TO VISIT MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY IN AREA OR HAVE PARTICIPANTS GATHER IN ONE PLACE FROM SEVERAL NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. EMBASSY CANNOT SPEAK FORNEIGHBORING POSTS AS TO NEEDS AND INTEREST THEIR COUNTRIDS BUT BELIEVES NADAC AND GOSL COULD VERY WELL BE INTERESTED IN INVITING NEIGHBORS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY TRAINING COURSE OFFERED IN FREETOWN. STACEY REPORTS DEA TEAM USED SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION INTO SPANISH EXTREMELY EFFECTIVELY IN SOUTH AMERICA. SINCE SOME NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES ARE FRANCOPHONE, WOULD DEA TEAM HAVE SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION CAPABILITY FOR FRENCH?

5. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE ON PROGRESS ANTICIPATED NADAC REQUEST FOR GOSL APPROVAL OF APPROACH TO EMBASSY BUT WOULD APPRECIATE DEA COMMENTS ON FEASIBILITY OF IDEAS SET FORTH ABOVE.
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